

HOUSE No. 729

By Mr. O’Flaherty of Chelsea, petition of Eugene L. O’Flaherty relative to the placement of children with fit parents by the Juvenile Court and the Probate and Family Court. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE PERMANENT PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN WITH FIT PARENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 3 of chapter 209C, as appearing in the 2002 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking paragraph (c) and inserting
3 in place thereof the following paragraph:— (c) The juvenile
4 court department shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the pro-
5 bate and family court under this chapter under this chapter, pro-
6 vided that actions brought under this chapter are joined or
7 consolidated with actions brought under section twenty-four of
8 chapter one hundred and nineteen and, provided further, that the
9 action under section twenty-four of chapter one hundred and nine-
10 teen is initiated before the filing of a complaint under this chapter.